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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers,
WC Docket No. 07-135;**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

My name is Richard Grunburg. I am the Partner of Dakota Partners, a company based in South Dakota that purchases and manages affordable Section 8 federal housing for those in need working alongside the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the South Dakota Housing and Development Authority. Dakota Partners strives to run the most efficient, cost effective operation we can in order to offer as much affordable housing as possible. This is challenging as we have various team members spread across South Dakota and in various parts of the country. However, we have been able to cut costs by utilizing free conferencing services. Free conferencing services help us cost effectively communicate regardless of the number of people on the conference call or their location. The cost savings have helped Dakota Partners increase the number of needy South Dakota families that are able to live in affordable housing.

I recently learned the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering changing rules so that free conferencing services will no longer be available. This will cost us thousands of dollars a month and limit the number of people we can help.

Currently, South Dakota's unemployment rate is 9.8 percent. Many South Dakotans are facing economic hardships, like so many people across the country, as our economy continues to struggle. During your rulemaking process, I respectfully ask you to consider the thousands of South Dakotans who rely on affordable Section 8 housing in order to have a place to live.

Sincerely,

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Richard Grunburg
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Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
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